

President.—A ruling once made is binding on the Council. The next item of business is voting of demands.

Voting of Demands for Supplementary Grants.

Mr. N. PADMANABHA MENON.

A point of order, Sir. Has this application for grants been taken before the Finance Committee? If not, I do not know whether it is in order to make the motion now.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There was no time to consider the point.

Mr. N. PADMANABHA MENON.

Want of time is no excuse. The motion is not in order. Unless there is a ruling from the Chair, we cannot be satisfied.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

There will be occasions for many more supplementary grants, and these can be taken together at a special meeting, or at the next meeting.

President.—It is proper that we place the matter before the Finance Committee.

Mr. N. PADMANABHA MENON.

This being the first occasion, of an application for a supplementary grant after the Finance Committee is formed, it will be a bad precedent also.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

All these demands for supplementary grants may be made at a single meeting of the Legislative Council.

Mr. N. PADMANABHA MENON.

In the same session?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Not necessary. In Madras at every meeting they vote grants. That will depend on the necessity.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

At the session, three or four months before the end of the year.

President.—The matter depends upon the nature of the urgency. Is there any harm, if we bring it before the Finance Committee and see if we can economise the thing?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Small or great, we shall follow the rules. It will be only right that the supplementary grant should come at the end of

the year so that the Government can spend as much money as they want.

President.—Supposing you do not sanction.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

They have already spent. What is to be done? At least we can discuss if it comes early.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

This may be brought to-morrow.

President.—It is not so urgent a matter.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

They cannot disperse the temporary staff.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The period expired on the 15th Vrischigam. Only the pay has not been disbursed. On the 1st of next month we have to disburse it, as they have worked and earned their pay.

President.—Mr. Salem's argument will hold good.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Already spent. I anticipated.

President.—We have no time to refer to the Finance Committee, to-day or to-morrow. We shall make arrangements before the meetings come to a close.

The Cochin Electricity Bill.

President.—The next business is to resume the consideration of the Cochin Electricity Bill, section 58. It was moved by the member for Cranganur that clause 2 of section 58 should be omitted, and that motion was seconded by Mr. A. Sankara Puduval. It was opposed by Mr. Aravindaksha Menon. We have to consider this motion further.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

As it stands, there is no meaning. It only gives power to the Government. Government always has the power. This additional power is sought by the Government to authorise a particular individual to acquire land. That would be a very serious matter.

President.—How can he acquire otherwise?

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

You may direct him to acquire.